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SUBJ: RHODESIAN GUERRILLA ACTIVITY SPREADS

1. RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCE COMMUNIQUE OF MARCH 30, REPORTED IN SA PRESS, ANNOUNCED CAPTURE OF TWO ARMED COLORED GUERRILLAS ONLY 5 KM FROM CENTER OF SALISBURY, SHOOTING OF WHITE FARMER IN PREVIOUSLY PEACEFUL WEDZA DISTRICT SOUTHEAST OF SALISBURY,

AND SECURITY FORCE CONTACT WITH GUERRILLAS IN NORTHEASTERN BORDER AREA.

2. THE TWO COLORED WERE CAPTURED WITH " TWO AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, TOGETHER WITH GRENADES, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES OF COMMUNIST ORIGIN." ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE " THIS HAS CONCLUSIVELY LINKED" THEM " WITH A TERRORIST GROUP KNOW TO HAVE MOVED INTO THE CENTRAL AREA OF RHODESIA LATELY."

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3. A WHITE FARMER WAS KILLED MARCH 30 ON HIS FARM IN THE SOUTH WEDZA AREA ABOUT 110 KM FROM SALISBURY. FOUR GUERRILLAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. SHORTLY AFTER KILLING, TWO GUERRILLAS HELD UP A FARM STORE 10 KM AWAY. WEDZA IS SEVENTH FARMING AREA IN WHICH GUERRILLA INCIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND IS FARTHEST FROM NORTHERN BORDER.

4. MARCH 30 COMMUNIQUE ALSO ANNOUNCED ONE GUERRILLA KILLED AND " OTHERS WOUNDED" BY SECURITY FORCES IN UNRELATED OPERATION IN NORTHEASTERN BORDER AREA AND " QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION CAPTURED." SECURITY FORCES SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES IN THIS ACTION.

5. APRIL 2 ARGUS REPORTS WEDZA DISTRICT COMMISSIONER PRAISED LOCAL AFRICANS FOR THEIR HELP IN SEARCH FOR GUERRILLAS, FOLLOWING LATEST KILLING, AND SAID HE " CONVINCED WE HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF FARM LABORERS." ON OTHER HAND, MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER, DESMOND LARDNER- BURKE, ADMITTED IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MARCH 29 THAT AFRICANS HAD NOT BEEN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON GUERRILLA PRESENCE AND THAT DESPITE IMPROVEMENT THERE WERE STILL AREAS WHERE TRIBESMEN NOT COOPERATING. AFRICAN MP MICAH BHEBE REPLIED THAT ACTIONS OF WHITE MEN HAD PROVOKED AFRICAN TO AGGRESSION AND ASKED, " WHERE WILL YOU GET COOPERATION FROM PEOPLE WHOSE SONS ARE BEING KILLED?"
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